

RUMFORD PRINTING CO.
Binders
Concord, N. H.

352,074v6
H77
1871-87

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

143430

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

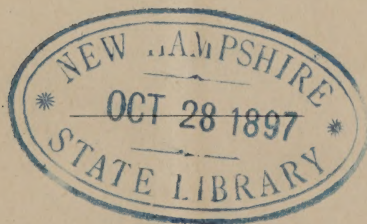
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPKINTON,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.



CONCORD:

PRINTED BY THE INDEPENDENT PRESS ASSOCIATION.

1871.

AUDITORS' REPORT

OF

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

1st. Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows :

Money hired of sundry persons,	\$1,450.00
Cash received from Savings Bank tax,	1,455.48
Railroad tax,	294.22
Literary Fund tax,	141.23
Assigned U. S. Bounty,	318.40
Hired of Sarah A. Elliot,	75.00
Received of agent of poor farm,	300.00
County paupers,	250.74
Use of derrick,	11.00
	<hr/> \$4,296.07

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid into town treasury, as per Treasurer's receipts, \$4,296.07

2d. An account wherein they find the Selectmen charged with orders drawn on the Treasurer, amounting to \$36,700.54

Which is accounted for as follows :

School Districts.

Paid District No. 1,	\$167.96
“ 2,	106.52
“ 3,	96.92
“ 4,	91.16
“ 5,	83.55
“ 6,	91.16
“ 7,	100.66
“ 8,	87.32
“ 9,	68.12
“ 10,	173.72
“ 11,	112.28
“ 12,	73.88

Paid Dist. No. 13,	\$83.48
" 14,	96.92
" 16,	71.96
" 17,	70.04
" 18,	68.12
" 19,	96.92
" 20,	135.32
" 21,	56.60
" 24,	70.04
	<hr/>
	\$2,002.65

Town Debts Paid.

Notes and interest,	\$14,263.06
Notes exchanged for town bonds,	11,328.52

Repairing Roads and Bridges.

Paid citizens in different parts of the town for repairs in their locality, as per receipts,	\$1,100.56
--	------------

From the above sum, three hundred one dollars (\$301.00) were expended for the protection of abutments at Tyler's Bridge.

State and County Tax.

Paid Peter Sanborn, State Treasurer,	\$3,408.00
County tax,	\$1,674.53

Breaking Roads.

Paid Thomas Fagan,	\$1.12
N. C. Weeks,	1.50
Charles E. Clark,	16.75
Horace Straw,	18.45
Ira A. Putney,	4.00
Frank P. Colby,	21.00
Samuel Straw,	23.85
John G. Patch,	2.70
Manly A. Rowell,	6.30
Benjamin Loverin,	2.00
John L. French,	11.26
Eben'r Flanders,	12.23
Samuel G. Bradbury,	8.55
John B. Sargent,	12.43
Samuel B. Bohonan,	15.75
Charles H. Smith,	21.15

Paid Eli A. Boutell,	2.00
Moses E. Dodge,	8.85
George W. Jackman,	2.00
Patrick Moran,	25.00
Frederick Spofford,	29.36
Charles Gould,	40.65
John G. Brockway,	2.47
Sylvester W. Perry,	15.75
Tilton Symonds,	26.76
John F. Gage,	3.67
Shurburne Fogg,	11.35
Sherman F. Holmes,	26.25
Rufus P. Copps,	5.40
William B. Whitmore,	23.27
Thomas Fagan,	.60
Tyler B. Hardy,	18.95
Warren M. Kempton,	5.00
T. J. Weeks,	1.65

\$428.02

Miscellaneous.

Paid John A. Peters, board of Auditors, 1870,	\$14.00
Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery,	15.44
John F. Jones, services as Auditor,	12.00
Thomas Chase, stationery,	8.00
Hiram Blanchard, care of Town House, and fuel,	4.75
R. F. Morgan, services and exp., after settlement,	9.00
H. H. Crowell, " " "	10.00
Geo. B. Hardy, " " "	7.50
Dyer H. Sanborn, copying school report,	3.00
Ind. Press Association, printing report, 1870,	52.00
Thomas J. Burbank, lighting bridge, Contoocook,	15.00
John F. Jones, printing town bonds and notices,	66.00
Elizabeth T. Lerner, storage of hearse,	3.00
G. A. Curtice, cash paid for blank book,	6.00
Moses Colby, labor on new cemetery,	4.00
John F. Jones, advertising town bonds,	1.50
Geo. B. Hardy, serving writs on Warner,	4.09
Walter C. Ayer, repairing graveyard fence,	3.00
Frank J. Mudget, blacksmithing,	1.72
Isaac Story, guide-boards,	9.50
S. D. Greeley, insuring town buildings,	4.25
Morrill & Silsby, stationery, 1870,	19.70

Paid D. L. Gage, recording deaths, births and marriages,	\$21.63
Thomas Chase, highway labor, paid in labor,	9.60
John F. Jones, stationery and postage on bonds,	2.00
Thomas Chase, cash paid for postage and stationery,	5.00
R. F. Morgan, horse hire, stamps and expenses,	13.50
Geo. B. Hardy, horse hire, stamps and expenses,	18.30
H. H. Crowell, horse hire, depositions and expenses,	19.75
R. F. Morgan, stationery and expenses on schools,	6.75
“ money paid for fuel and light for Teachers' Institute,	3.00
Amos Dodge, damage to team,	3.00
Clerk, city of Concord,	.25
H. H. Crowell, labor on new cemetery,	1.50
Abram Melvin, error on tax,	2.65
	<hr/>
	\$405.38

School House Taxes.

Paid Elbridge G. Kimball,	\$49.67
Albert Crowell,	20.63
J. M. Harvey,	252.00
	<hr/>
	\$322.30

Support of Paupers.

Paid D. O. Collins, medical attendance on Eben Corliss,	\$7.02
S. Curtice & Son, goods for Eben Corliss,	12.75
Zilpha Kezer, assisting Everet Ordway, county pauper,	10.00
Geo. C. Blaisdell, medical attendance on Everet Ordway, county pauper,	15.10
John A. Peters, board of county pauper,	2.00
Harry M. Dearborn, medical services, Tucker family,	27.25
S. Curtice & Son, articles furnished county pauper,	42.85
David L. Gage, boots for J. M. Austin,	4.25
D. O. Collins, medical attendance on E. Corliss' wife,	4.56
Phebe Barton, support of Hiram Straw, county pauper,	78.00
Mary Nichols, assisting in sickness O. Cross, county pauper,	2.00

Paid Charles Gould, assisting burial of O. Cross, county pauper,	\$3.00
James Colby, digging grave of O. Cross, county pauper,	2.50
Timothy F. Tilton, expenses at funeral, &c., of O. Cross, county pauper,	15.00
Seth Webber, coffin, &c., for O. Cross, county pauper,	14.00
G. W. Knapp, ministerial services at funeral of O. Cross, county pauper,	2.00
John K. Young, ministerial services at funeral of J. M. Austin, county pauper,	2.00
Seth Webber, coffin, digging grave, &c., for J. M. Austin, county pauper,	12.00
Geo. C. Blaisdell, medical services for O. Cross, county pauper,	2.00
Alexander Rogers, medical services for J. M. Austin, county pauper,	2.00
M. F. Hoyt, agent town farm,	300.00
H. H. Crowell, clothing, county pauper,	.75
Michael Sanborn, wood for Julia Lynch, county pauper,	12.00
D. B. Story, board of transient persons, county paupers,	25.00
H. M. Dearborn, medical attendance on transient persons, county paupers,	10.25
Thomas Fagan, wood for Mrs. Lynch, county pauper,	3.00
J. W. Wilson, medical assistance to Chas. Flanders, Agent of town farm for board of county paupers,	6.00
H. H. Crowell, cash paid for fare of county pauper,	74.34
Geo. B. Hardy, cash paid Z. Kezar, support of county pauper,	4.10
G. A. Curtice, goods paid for support of county pauper,	2.00
H. W. Greene, tea for Mrs. J. M. Austin, county pauper,	4.00
	1.00
	<hr/>
	\$702.72

Precinct Tax (Contoocookville.)

Paid I. D. Merrill, Treasurer,	\$224.27
--------------------------------	----------

Abatement of Taxes.

Paid David Seavy list, 1868,	\$3.54
Thomas Chase list, 1869,	29.72
“ “ “ 1870,	125.58
J. M. Bailey “ 1865,	4.07
	<hr/>
	\$162.91

Damage to Sheep by Dogs.

Paid Eliza R. Tewksbury,	\$5.00
I. W. Fellows,	10.00
Moses Colby,	3.00
	<hr/>
	\$18.00

Town Officers.

Paid H. H. Crowell, services as Selectman,	\$125.25
R. F. Morgan, “ “	121.20
Geo. B. Hardy, “ “	118.17
G. A. Curtice, services as Treasurer,	60.00
David L. Gage, services as Clerk,	25.00
Dyer H. Sanborn, services as Sup. School Com.,	19.00
R. F. Morgan, “ “	35.00
Geo. C. Blaisdell, “ “	26.00
Thomas Chase, services as Collector,	100.00
John F. Jones, services as Commissioner on Town Bonds,	30.00
	<hr/>
	\$659.62

Total amount, \$36,700.54

The Auditors find the account of the Selectmen properly vouched and correctly cast.

HERMAN W. GREENE, }
 LEWIS D. EVANS, } *Auditors.*
 G. A. CURTICE, }

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

G. A. Curtice in account with the town of Hopkinton, as Treasurer, for 1870.

1st. A tax account wherein they find the Treasurer charged with taxes assessed for the year 1870, and committed to Thomas Chase, Collector, namely, \$12,678.71

Which is accounted for as follows :

Cash received of collector,	\$11,564.30
Taxes remaining uncollected,	1,114.41
	<hr/>
	\$12,678.71

2d. An account of Literary Fund, in which they find him charged with securities on hand	
March 1, 1870,	\$80.00
Cash collected as interest,	2.70
	<hr/>
	\$82.70

Which is accounted for as follows :

Cash collected as principal and carried to cash account,	80.00
Cash collected as interest and carried to cash account,	2.70
	<hr/>
	\$82.70

3d. An account of Lerner Legacy, in which they find him charged with securities on hand	
March 1, 1870,	\$500.00
Cash collected as interest,,	30.00
	<hr/>
	\$530.00

Which is accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand March 1, 1871,	\$500.00
Cash collected as interest and carried to cash account,	30.00
	<hr/>
	\$530.00

4th. Cash on hand as per settlement, Feb. 28, 1870,	\$2,404.09
Securities on hand as per settle- ment, Feb. 28, 1870,	979.14
Cash collected as principal on Lit- erary fund,	80.00
Cash collected as interest on Lit- erary fund,	2.70
Cash collected as interest on Ler- ned legacy,	30.00
Cash of selectmen, money hired,	1,525.00
“ “ Savings bank tax,	1,455.48
“ “ Railroad tax,	294.22
“ “ Literary fund,	141.23
“ “ U. S. bounty,	318.40
“ County, for support of pau- pers,	250.74

Cash for use of derrick,	\$11.00
“ Town farm,	300.00
“ J. F. Jones, commissioner for sale of bonds,	21,570.42
“ Thomas Chase, collector,	11,564.30
	<hr/> \$40,926.72

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid orders drawn by selectmen,	\$36,577.44
Securities due from town taxes,	1,374.88
Interest on town bonds,	482.94
Cash on hand as by settlement March 1, 1871,	2,491.46
	<hr/> \$40,926.72

The Auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

HERMAN W. GREENE, }
LEWIS D. EVANS, } *Auditors.*

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT ON TOWN BONDS.

The Commissioners who were chosen March 8, 1870, to procure and issue town bonds sufficient to fund \$25,000 of the town debt, make the following report :

The bonds issued were 5.20's, dated May 2, 1870, redeemable May 2, 1875, payable May 2, 1890; interest payable in gold, annually, on the 2d day of November.

Bonds sold by the Commissioners,	\$21,500.00
Accrued interest received,	70.42
	<hr/> \$21,570.42

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid into town treasury, as exhibited by Treasurer's receipt,	\$21,570.42
Amount of bonds authorized by town,	\$25,000.00
Town notes taken in exchange for bonds,	11,328.52
Cash received for bonds,	10,171.48
Amount of bonds unsold,	3,500.00
Issued 33 of the denomination of \$100,	3,300.00
“ 31 “ “ \$200,	6,200.00
“ 24 “ “ \$500,	12,000.00

Amount of bonds owned in town,	\$16,700.00
“ “ “ out of town,	4,800.00
Cost of printing bonds,	65.00
“ notices, stationery, &c.,	4.50
Cash paid Commissioners,	30.00

JOHN F. JONES, } *Commissioners.*
JAMES M. CONNOR, }

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Principal and interest against town, March 1, 1871,	\$26,000.00
Bonds held against town, March 1, 1871,	21,500.00
	<hr/>
	\$47,500.00
Securities, due from town taxes,	\$1,374.88
Cash on hand, as by settlement,	2,491.46
	<hr/>
	3,866.34
	<hr/>
Amount of indebtedness,	\$43,633.66

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Hay, Stock and Provisions.

8½ tons English hay,	\$212.50
10¾ “ stock hay,	140.00
2 oxen, 1.80 ; 2 steers, \$75,	255.00
5 cows, \$205 ; 19 sheep, \$60,	265.00
2 shoters, \$25 ; 75 bushels potatoes, \$65,	140.00
1 bbl. soap \$5 ; 27 gals. vinegar, \$6,	11.00
98 lbs. ham, \$16 ; 70 lbs. shoulders, 9.80,	25.80
25 “ chops, \$2 ; soap grease, 2.50,	4.50
31 “ fresh beef, 3.72 ; 30 bushels oats, 22.50,	26.22
2¾ bushs. white beans, 8.25 ; peas and colored beans, \$2,	10.25
Meal, snap and sweet corn,	4.75
4 bbls. ashes, 2.40 ; 4½ bbls. cider, \$13,	15.40
Pickles, 1.00 ; carrots and beets, 1.50,	2.50
26 doz. candles, 4.33 ; 40 lbs. tallow, 4.00,	8.33
194 lbs. cheese, \$35 ; 54 lbs. butter, \$19,	54.00
2½ bbls. apples, 6.00 ; 63 lbs. dried apples, \$5,	11.00
½ bbl. beef, \$9 ; 1 7-8 bbl. pork, \$48,	57.00
1 3-8 bbls. flour, \$12 ; spices and saleratus, .50,	12.50
Salt, .40 ; molasses, .70 ; kerosene oil, .19,	1.29

2 gals. boiled cider, 1.50 ; 50 lbs. lard, 9.00,	\$10.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. green tea, .50 ; 1 pr. feeting, .50,	1.00
	<hr/>
	\$1268.54

1870.	<i>Pauper Establishment,</i>	DR.
Mar. 1.	To cash in agent's hands,	\$134.78
	Real estate,	2200.00
	Hay, stock, and provisions,	1538.67
	To ls and furniture,	265.00
	Interest on real estate,	132.00
	Agent's salary,	300.00
		<hr/>
		\$4570.45

1871.	CREDIT.	
Mar. 1.	By real estate,	2200.00
	Hay, stock, and provisions,	1268.54
	Tools and furniture,	265.00
	Cash in Agent's hands,	348.85
		<hr/>
		\$4082.39

Balance against the establishment, 488.06

HENRY H. CROWELL, } *Selectmen*
 RICHARD F. MORGAN, } *of*
 GEO. B. HARDY, } *Hopkinton.*

Hopkinton, Feb. 21, 1871.

AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Agent on the town farm, makes the following report, for the year ending March 1, 1870 :

Produce Raised.

20 tons English hay ; 7 tons stock hay ; 2 tons straw and corn fodder ; 62 bushels corn ; 30 bushels oats ; 100 bushels potatoes ; 3 bushels turnips ; 3 bushels beets ; 4 bushels carrots : 1 bushel cucumbers ; 100 lbs. squashes ; 2 bushels peas ; 200 bushels apples ; 5 bushels beans ; 3 bushels tomatoes ; 3 bushels currants ; 1-2 bushel onions ; 278 lbs. cheese ; 340 lbs. butter ; 1408 lbs. pork ; 510 lbs. beef.

Receipts.

Cash received of former Agent,	\$134.78
Eggs, 9.00 ; hay, 76.50 ; 229 lbs. butter, 80.00,	165.50

Tallow, 2.07 ; ham and shoulders,	\$29.57
Knitting, 3.60 ; lard, 3.40 ; cheese, 27.68,	34.68
Calves, 51.50 ; stock, 458.00,	509.50
1 bbl. .25 ; oats, .75 ; pelt, 1.00,	2.00
Lambs, 50.00 ; wool, 17.00 ; currants, 1.00,	68.00
Straw, 12.00 ; pork, 100.57 ; feetings, 10.00,	122.57
Pears, 1.50 ; grass, 10.00 ; hooping bbls. 4.30,	15.80
Wood, 3.00 ; poultry, 10.20 ; keeping peddler, 2.00,	15.20
Milk, .75 ; cider, 36.75 ; pump logs, 2.00,	39.50
Soap, 1.00 ; pasturing sheep, 3.00 ; candles, 17,	4.17
Use of buck, 1.00 ; ox work, 3.85,	4.85
Hide, 4.35 ; beef, 10.45 ; bark, 14.37,	29.17
Received of the county,	74.34

\$1249.63

Expenditures.

Flour, 56.00 ; rye, 3.00 ; seed corn, .85,	\$59.85
Superphosphate, 15.85 ; taxes, 12.00,	27.85
Salt, 9.45 ; tobacco, 6.00 ; Epsom salts, .25,	15.70
Essence, .25 ; gin, 1.00 ; beeswax, .08,	1.33
Currycomb, .33 ; shorts, 18.85 ; grass seed, 8.10,	27.28
Medicine, 1.75 ; veal, 4.77 ; salmon .42,	6.94
Tea, 12.47 ; tomato plants, .60 ; camphor, .12,	13.19
Liniment, .50 ; mustard, .40 ; coffee, 2.00,	2.90
Haying tools, 3.47 ; corn, 27.50 ; alcohol, 1.26,	32.23
Tin ware, 1.88 ; wooden pails, .75 ; axe helves, .42,	3.05
Lamb, 3.25 ; rice, .50 ; tar, .20 ; saw bill, 3.66,	7.61
Use of boar, 1.00 ; ginger, .15 ; thrashing, 3.50,	4.65
Bristol brick, .12 ; fare of pauper to county farm, .50,	.62
Beef, 10.00 ; balance between cows, 5.00 ; lantern, 1.25,	16.25
Pigs, 10.00 ; use of bull, 1.50 ; butchering, .34,	11.84
Pepper, 16 ; mackerel, 1.67 ; fish, 4.12,	5.95
Snuff, .25 ; butter tubs, 1.25 ; sugar, 14.00,	15.50
Matches, .55 ; carding and coloring wool, 2.75,	3.30
Zinc, 1.25 ; early potatoes 1.00 ; lamp, .25,	2.50
Pepper-sauce, .25 ; pipes .10 ; wicking, .36,	.71
Crackers, 1.70 ; cultivator teeth, 1.00,	2.70
Grinding corn, 1.60 ; door lock, .55 ; molasses, 10.10,	12.25
Starch, .25 ; tacks, .15, nails, 2.31 ; oil, 4.22,	6.93
Thread, .61 ; twine, .48 ; glass and putty, .50,	1.59
Shoes, 2.50 ; nutmeg, .59 ; upper leather, .50,	3.59
Alum, .10 ; resin, .15 ; casks, 3.17,	3.42

Boxes, 1.00 ; cotton cloth, 1.05 ; files, .68,	\$2.73
Iron ware, 3.35 ; combs, .32 ; ox knobs, .60,	4.27
Blacksmith's bill, 18.78 ; print, 1.95,	20.73
Hard soap, .75 ; chalk, .05 ; pepper, .15,	.95
Lamp chimneys, .60 ; buttons and pins, .28,	.88
Room-paper, .52 ; ink and books, .70,	1.22
Brooms, 1.40 ; brown earthen, .41,	1.81
Saleratus, 1.38 ; garden seeds, .40,	1.78
Tripe, .87 ; onions, .50 ; expense of pump, 4.00,	5.37
Labor, 52.50 ; sheep, 6.00 ; stock, 469.00,	527.50
Spice, .40 ; crash, .55 ; hoop iron, .80 ; pitch, .20,	1.95
Saltpetre, .25 ; whip-lash, .12 ; stove-pipe, 1.20,	1.57
Pasturing, 21.25 ; cinnamon, .25,	21.50
Cream tartar, .60 ; lime, .50 ; hoes, 1.03,	2.13
Raisins, .75 ; repairing plough, 2.10,	2.85
Plaster, .60 ; strainer-cloths, .47 ; crockery 1.55,	2.62
Rennet skins, .75 ; potatoes, 10.00,	10.75
Bone meal, .34 ; lamp-wicks .10,	.44
	<hr/>
	\$900.78
Cash in Agent's hands Feb. 21, 1871,	348.85
	<hr/>
	\$1249.63

M. F. HOYT, *Agent on Town Farm.*

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In making this, our annual report, we wish to speak in candor, and talk of things as we find them. There is, or ought to be, no one among us so warm with partisan zeal, or so engrossed with plans of personal preferment, as to be unwilling to attend to the present necessities of his children, or to consult for their future well-being and success.

PRIMARY INSTRUCTION.

A teacher of small children, *especially*, should be a sort of locomotive patent office—full of all manner of inventions. The young love novelty as much as they hate routine. To secure their interest, therefore, one must excite their astonishment and admiration every hour of every day in the week with some “new thing under the sun.” The mistaken and ruinous notion is sometimes entertained, that while the highest order of talent and acquisition is requisite in the instructor of advanced scholars, anybody will do for beginners. The teacher of the primary school sweetens or embitters the waters at the fountain. An infusion which would poison the heart and the life of the child, might be poured into the man without especial harm. The dead horse which would pollute the spring, might not seriously affect the flowing river. There is no grace, however winning, no virtue, however ennobling, no knowledge, however profound, no wisdom, however exalted, which may not find full scope for its highest exercise, even in an infant school.

DISCIPLINE.

If there is any place on the surface of the earth where order is the first and last and highest law, that place is the school-room. Without it there can be no such thing as progress. But in maintaining discipline, it is not necessary for the teacher to be rough and severe. He adds no weight to his authority by bloody threats, “full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.” But he must be prompt in decision, firm in purpose, and uni-

form in action. His laws should be few, but as immutable as the laws of nature; and the penalty of wilful transgression should be as certain as the decrees of fate. If, as will sometimes happen with the most skilful managers, corporal punishment becomes unavoidable as a last resort, the guilty culprit should even then be dealt with as old Izack Walton dealt with the frog he used for bait—"running the hook through his mouth and out at his gills, and in doing so using him as though he loved him." The operation, however, should never be a trifling one to the offender. It should be an event in his history to date from and be remembered. He should in after years, when clothed in his right mind, look back upon it as the time when the devil was cast out of him, and a better and truer life commenced within him.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD TEACHER.

It takes a peculiar man to be just the right sort of a teacher. He is an article compounded of various ingredients, such as you cannot ordinarily buy at the apothecary's. As to his intellectual qualifications, his mind should be a fountain, and not a reservoir. His knowledge should gush up of itself, and not have to be drawn up by a windlass. His heart should be young in all its pulsations, though his head may be as bald as Elisha's. He should be a scholar of some breadth as well as depth, and not a man whose half dozen thoughts rattle in his vacant head like shrunken kernels in a bean-pod. In addition to his intellectual furnishing, he should be a man of integrity, of moral rectitude and purity of character, imbued with the spirit of truth and wisdom. If, beside all this, the light of a Christian faith should irradiate his scientific and literary acquirements, it would serve to give them a bright lustre, even as a "lamp set in an alabaster vase brings out into bolder relief and clearer expression the beautiful figures which may be sculptured upon it." While, therefore, we would exhort our teachers to elevate, term by term, the standard of their scholarship, we at the same time think the community should leaven their strictures and denunciations with the heavenly grace of charity.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Ella F. Underhill, who, in her remarks in the Register, speaks very highly of the kindness of parents and scholars. The school

was visited by Prof. Sanborn, who had made no report of the school previous to his death.

The Winter term, as usual, under the supervision of the veteran Currier. As was expected, the classes reviewed well, and Mr. C. very highly appreciates a nice present, presented by Master W. D. Greene, in behalf of the school. The usefulness of this teacher and the prosperity of the school would be greatly enhanced if whispering was banished from the school-room.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Abbie F. Straw, teacher. Miss S. taught a good school. Citizens living near the school-room were not annoyed by the rude and boisterous noise of scholars—a *sure* indication of order; consequently a profitable term.

Winter Term. Charles S. Frost, teacher, who entered this school without experience, and but little familiar with the wants, or “rough and tumble” of a district school. Notwithstanding, in most respects, he succeeded admirably. A little experience, and he may rank as a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Mary-Helen Chandler, teacher. Miss C.’s attachment to home and its *surroundings* was so great as to seriously affect her usefulness as a teacher. It has been said that no man “can serve two masters.” Neither can a teacher be useful in the school-room with an absent mind.

Winter term by J. M. Snyder, of Canterbury, whose classes in arithmetic were quick and ready at the blackboard. His young scholars made as great progress in reading and spelling as seldom witnessed in one term. The order, at our several visits, was fair; yet we would recommend a perusal of our remarks under the head of discipline, to both teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term, taught by Miss L. M. Bohonan, and visited by Prof. Sanborn. The Winter term was commenced by Mr. L. Clement, of Warner, who at the end of four weeks was taken sick and left the school. At our first visit things appeared well, and doubtless, he would have done well. Miss L. M. Bohonan, *very* successfully finished the term, and one of the best examinations we have attended. Miss B. may be ranked as a number one teacher.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Eliza F. Bickford, of Concord. Through her inexperience, and the attachment of the pupils to a former teacher, the term was not so prosperous as we could wish.

Winter term, Miss Sarah C. Cilley, of East Weare, teacher, who had fair success in her school, winning the respect of pupils and parents. A partial failure in discipline. The pupils in this district must learn to speak louder if they wish to become a first class school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Mary L. Flanders had charge of both terms. The Summer term might have been endurable, had a successful term been held for the Winter. The failure, in part, at least, is attributable to the lack of judgment on the part of the Prudential Committee in employing this teacher under the circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer and Winter terms under the instruction of Miss Sarah U. Kimball, and visited by Prof. Sanborn. Miss K. in her register speaks very highly of the kindness of parents and scholars; also, feelingly of Prof. Sanborn, who made his last visit to her school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Miss Mary P. Sargent. This teacher accomplished much in a quiet, unostentatious way. The pupils acquitted themselves creditably at the final examination.

Winter Term. Miss Eva F. Burnham, Teacher. This was a very successful term of school. Teacher and scholars are worthy of much praise, and whoever instructs in this school will find good pupils.

DISTRICT No. 9.

One Term. Mrs. Helen M. Eastman, of Contoocook, teacher. We find in this school some of the best scholars in town. The first class in reading deserves especial commendation. B.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term. Mary L. Thompson, of Concord, teacher. There was considerable improvement made in many studies; the habits of whispering, and interruption during recitation, were in a measure abandoned, says the teacher. The habitual tardiness of the scholars in this district should be remedied by the parents. B.

Winter Term. Geo. A. Noyes, of Contoocook, teacher. Mr. Noyes is a young man possessing an excellent education, and we always found him hard at work for the good of his pupils. Many of them appreciated his efforts and made good improvement.
B.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer Term. Miss Ellen F. Sargent, teacher. Miss S. entered this school as an inexperienced instructor, and her success was more than an average of this class of teachers. A well trained team can be driven by an indifferent hand, so a well disposed and disciplined school can be managed by an inexperienced leader.

Winter Term. Miss L. Bohonan, teacher. This is quite a large school, and among the best in town. She succeeded admirably with her larger scholars, who with the parents, were much attached to her. The smaller ones were somewhat restless, and did not review quite so well as we could wish.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Winter Term. Mr. True J. Putney, teacher. Although Mr. P.'s first effort in this direction, he took hold of the task more like a veteran than a youth, having the *True* ring. This school made rapid strides in their studies. Would 'nt these scholars jump for joy had they a better house?

DISTRICT No. 13.

Miss Nellie M. White, of Fisherville, teacher for the Summer term, and visited by Prof. Sanborn.

Winter Term. Miss Susan C. Eastman, teacher. Miss E. combines many good qualities as a teacher, and perhaps has a greater fund of novel and interesting items of history in store for her pupils than any teacher among us. These are imparted to her scholars orally, forming quite an interesting feature in the examination, for which Miss E. exhibits much tact in "fixing up." A little more system and discipline would work well.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer and Winter Terms. Under the instruction of Miss. Emma L. Connor, of Warner. We hear both terms well spoken of; they were visited by Prof. Sanborn.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Summer Term. Taught by Clara A. Flanders, of Hopkinton. Miss. Flanders worked hard for her pupils, weighing well the responsibilities that rested on her as a teacher. She had the good will of her scholars and improvement was made. B.

Winter Term. Henry D. Dustin, of Hopkinton, Teacher. Mr. Dustin fully sustained his former reputation as a teacher, holding the reins of government in his own hands. The scholars were obedient, and excellent progress was made. B.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Miss Ella F. Foster, of East Weare, had charge of both terms. She had fair success with the summer term, but the winter, not so much so. A teacher soon loses her dignity by saying or doing so many commonplace things, and soon becomes like the "blind leading the blind." No illustrations made from the blackboard; neither chalk, or signs of any to make them—with a sign of "slipshod divinity." B.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Summer Term. Mary A. Chandler, of Hopkinton, teacher. This school is not so far advanced as many others in town. We would suggest that more attention be paid to reading, pronunciation. Some of the scholars made considerable improvement. B.

Winter Term. Paulina Heath, of Contoocookville, teacher. This was Miss Heath's first term in town. We found both teacher and scholars earnestly engaged in their work. Industry seldom fails to bring reward. B.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Summer Term. Miss L. Jennie Call, of Webster, teacher. Judging from what we saw of the school, the time was well spent and good improvement made. B.

Winter Term. Mr. Clarence A. Harvey, of Contoocook, teacher. Mr. Harvey succeeded in obtaining the good will of his scholars, and labored for their improvement. B.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Summer Term. Mrs. A. A. P. Ketchum, of Contoocook, teacher. Mrs. Ketchum is a veteran teacher and knows every "rope in the ship." Scholars under her care cannot fail to improve.

Winter Term. Mr. Thomas B. Richardson, teacher. This district was very fortunate in securing the services of two such experienced teachers. This school ranks as number one, and is hard to beat. Forty-six visits were made by the Prudential Committee, a feature worthy of imitation. B.

DISTRICT No. 21.

Summer and Winter terms taught by Amanda W. Merrill, of Contoocook. This is one of the smallest, if not the smallest school in town, but in regard to improvement, second to none. B.

DISTRICT No. 24.

This district divide their money so as to have three terms. Miss Abbie C. Morse, of Concord, had charge of all three, and we readily discovered an improvement upon the first term, both in teacher and taught; questions more readily answered, more work done in less time, order good, a pleasant and agreeable examination.

RICHARD F. MORGAN,
GEO. C. BLAISDELL,
Superintending School Committee of Hopkinton.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	School in weeks.	Wages of Teachers a month, including board.	S. S. Com. visits.	Prud. Com. visits.	Citizens' visits.	Times tardy.	Amount of District money.	Contributed in board and fuel.
1	Summer....	Ella F. Underhill.....	40	29	10	\$24.00	2	129	108			none.
1	Winter....	George W. Currier.....	51	40	12	28.00	2	043	167		\$167.96	none.
2	Summer....	Abbie F. Straw.....	17	15	8	20.00	2	018	25			none.
2	Winter....	Charles S. Frost.....	22	20	9+	22.00	2	028	86		106.52	none.
3	Summer....	Mary H. Chandler.....	12	11	9	16.00	2	017	70			\$18.00
3	Winter....	J. M. Snyder.....	22	18	12	35.00	3	118	36		96.92	30.00
4	Summer....	L. M. Bohonan.....	17	14	10	20.00	2	228	57			20.00
4	Winter....	L. M. Bohonan.....	14	12	10	26.00	3	238	31		91.16	
5	Summer....	Eliza F. Bickford.....	14	11	8	17.00	2	113	6			none.
5	Winter....	Sarah C. Cilley.....	17	13	11	19.00	2	117	7		83.55	none.
6	Summer....	Mary L. Flanders.....	14	13	10	20.00	2	038	64			none.
6	Winter....	Mary L. Flanders.....	17	14	12	24.00	2	137	100		91.16	none.
7	Summer....	Sarah U. Kimball.....	18	12	10	20.00	2	114	28			20.00
7	Winter....	Sarah U. Kimball.....	21	14	11	22.00	2	118	23		100.66	
8	Summer....	Mary P. Sargent.....	7	6	8	18.00	2	011	14			16.00
8	Winter....	Eva F. Burnham.....	8	7	10	20.00	2	128	0		87.32	
9	One Term.	Helen M. Eastman.....	12	10	11	20.00	2	21	2		68.12	none.
10	Summer....	Mary L. Thompson.....	39	32	10	28.00	2	146	148			none.
10	Winter....	George A. Noyes.....	41	36	9½	40.00	3	09	120		173.12	none.
11	Summer....	Nellie A. Sargent.....	25	21	8	18.00	2	115	16			
11	Winter....	L. M. Bohonan.....	26	23	10	26.00	2	112	47		112.28	none.
12	Summer....	Eva A. Elliott.....	8	7	16	16.00	2	132	5			
12	Winter....	True J. Putney.....	11	10	7½	26.00	2	08	46		73.88	35.00
13	Summer....	Nellie M. White.....	15	11	10	24.00	2	115	15			
13	Winter....	Susan C. Eastman.....	19	17	14	32.00	2	250	91		96.92	50.00
14	Summer....	Emma L. Connor.....	12	10	10	15.00	2	136	7			
14	Winter....	Emma L. Connor.....	15	12	9	17.00	1	018	14		83.48	none.
16	Summer....	Clara A. Flanders.....	8	7	9	22.0	2	020	12			18.00
16	Winter....	Henry D. Dustin.....	12	11	11	32.00	2	223	24		71.96	22.00
17	Summer....	Ella F. Foster.....	10	7	9	20.00	2	112	9			
17	Winter....	Ella F. Foster.....	7	5	9	20.00	2	112	4		70.04	none.
18	Summer....	Mary A. Chandler.....	14	11	8	18.00	2	119	17			
18	Winter....	H. Paulina Heath.....	14	11	9	18.00	2	015	13		68.12	none.
19	Summer....	L. Jennie Call.....	14	11	7	18.00	2	03	8			
19	Winter....	Clarence A. Harvey.....	19	17	9	30.00	2	06	24		96.92	none.
20	Summer....	A. A. P. Ketchum.....	34	28	9	20.00	2	117	24			
20	Winter....	Thomas B. Richardson.....	32	29	9½	40.00	2	46	9	35	135.32	
21	Summer....	A. M. Merrill.....	2	2	7	16.00	2	2	8	0		
21	Winter....	A. M. Merrill.....	4	3½	7	16.00	2	213	1		56.60	
24	Three Terms.	Abbie C. Morse.....	15	14	10	26.00	2	226	28			
24		Abbie C. Morse.....	14	12	12	28.00	2	419	23		70.04	36.00
24		Abbie C. Morse.....	15	11	12	28.00	2	513	21			

New Hampshire State Library



3 4677 00310143 8